

JoAnne were instrumental in making sure that that mission of training our intelligence personnel in the Air Force, the Marines, the Army, and the Navy continued to become one of the most important in the United States.

When she settled in San Angelo, JoAnne became one of the most involved members of the Concho Valley community and received many honors for serving on boards and for her philanthropic and organizational leadership. She was the epitome of service before self, working hard and handling case-work right up until the week before she passed away.

She genuinely cared for every single person and showed Christ's love to everybody she encountered. I cannot express how great this loss is to our team and the entire 11th District.

JoAnne and Colonel Powell, we will miss you.

HONORING GREGORIO GUTIERREZ

Mr. PFLUGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and the service of Gregorio Gutierrez, a man with a servant's heart, a strong faith in God, and an unmatched ability to connect with all sorts of people.

Born in Mexico, Gregorio came to the United States in 1984; married his wife, Araceli, in 1990; and earned his citizenship in 2000. He followed his passion and founded Conexion San Angelo, the area's first and only bilingual news organization. Since then he has expanded throughout west Texas, and his operation still lives today.

He was an amazing man with a strong legacy that will live on through his wife, Araceli; his son, Ricardo; and all who know him.

San Angelo has honored Gregorio and his family with Gregorio Gutierrez Day which will fall every year on January 23. His family should be proud of his amazing legacy and his service to the Spanish-speaking community, the members of San Angelo, and all of the Concho Valley.

HONORING J.C. CAMPBELL

Mr. PFLUGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of J.C. Campbell, a valued member of the Granbury community who passed away on March 30, 2021.

He served our country admirably in the U.S. Navy during the Korean war aboard the USS *Frank E. Evans*. After coming home, he met and married Sylvia, the love of his life, at North Texas State, and they moved to Granbury in 1960 and have called it home ever since.

He has given much of himself to our community with positions on the Granbury City Council, the volunteer fire department, the Granbury Masonic Lodge, the Bluff Dale Lodge, and as president of the USS *Frank E. Evans* Association, helping to tell the story of the ship he once sailed aboard.

He was an incredible friend to students and staff and a regular fixture at school board meetings. He was a mentor to many and known as the community's biggest cheerleader.

Madam Speaker, I know his family and friends will miss him terribly, and

his loss will be felt deeply in Granbury and throughout the 11th District.

Thank you for your service, J.C.

HONORING THE LIPAN GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. PFLUGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Lipan girls basketball team who recently won the AA State Championship in Texas.

To Coach Amber Branson and the entire team, congratulations on yet another victory and yet another State championship.

RECOGNIZE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, an open letter to President Joseph Biden:

Mr. President, in just 5 days, the world will mark the 106th anniversary of the beginning of the Armenian genocide, the systematic murder and displacement of 1.5 million Armenian women, men, and children by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923. This will be the first April 24 of your Presidency and your first opportunity to follow through on your promise to recognize the genocide and your decades of leadership on this issue.

On behalf of hundreds of thousands of Armenian Americans, the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of genocide survivors, I ask you to keep that promise and recognize the Armenian genocide.

The facts of the genocide are not in serious dispute. They were recorded in real time by American diplomats who lacked a name for the barbaric and systematic extermination of the Armenian people but knew that it was without precedent in human history. Millions of Armenians were beaten, raped, killed, and marched across deserts by the Ottoman Empire.

From the blood and rubble, the Armenian people survived. Tens of thousands of orphaned children owe their lives to the generosity of Americans who created the Near East Relief Foundation. Those children and their descendants crossed the ocean to build lives in Los Angeles and across the Nation.

You know these facts well, and you have spoken about them directly, including as a candidate for President. As President, it is now in your power to help right decades of denial and in so doing give meaning to your statement last year when you acknowledged the genocide and said that silence is complicity.

As a candidate and now as President, you have spoken of your commitment to human rights. You have spoken of an America who leads not by example of our power, but by the power of our example. If that principle is to have meaning, we cannot waver from it just because it may be inconvenient.

The word genocide is significant because genocide is not a problem of the past, it is a problem of today, including

in Xinjiang where Uighurs face a relentless campaign by the Chinese Communist Party to wipe out their culture. And it is a danger today in Artsakh where Turkey assisted Azerbaijan in making war on the Armenians again, and in so doing, threaten another potential genocide. What a comfort it would be to the perpetrators of crimes against humanity in the present day if the most powerful nation on Earth could be cowed into silence about the events of a century ago.

In recognizing the genocide, you will be joining both the House and the Senate who voted overwhelmingly in 2019 to do so.

Mr. President, we must not resort to euphemisms or half-truths. The murder of 1.5 million Armenians was an atrocity—that is surely true—but it was more than that. The act of seeking to destroy a people and a culture is a different kind of evil, and it was not until Raphael Lemkin coined the term genocide that we had a word to describe it.

Millions of Armenians, in Yerevan and across the world, tens of thousands of my constituents, Mr. President, will look to you later this week to see if you will join leaders in France, Germany, the European Union, the Vatican, and in 49 States in recognizing the genocide.

It is my deepest wish that you will speak the truth in all of its horror and recognize the Armenian genocide.

HONORING JEN DAULBY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of ILLINOIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in a bittersweet time in my career here in Congress because it is a time I get to bid farewell to somebody who has been with me since day one. Because she has floor privileges, she is sitting behind me right now and is going to be very embarrassed because I am going to talk about her.

As you can see here, Madam Speaker, this is my longtime chief of staff and staff director of the House Administration Committee, Jen Daulby, and her daughter, Reagan, standing in the Capitol rotunda.

I first met Jen in Illinois when she was a young intern for the State of Illinois one summer. Little did I know that a few years later I would be running a campaign for my former boss, Congressman JOHN SHIMKUS, and I would hire a field office manager who just graduated law school to work out of our Collinsville, Illinois, campaign office. I realized very, very quickly she had opinions of her own—something that in political campaigns sometimes are a little difficult because as a campaign manager, I wanted to be right all the time. But she always taught me: get this stuff done and get me the information I need so I can do my job.

Jen Daulby sitting behind me was a pain in my butt during that campaign.